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Mr. Alfred Bernstein

Dear Mr. Bernstein:

As I promised, I have gone over again, not once but several times, the entire record of [redacted] and, while I am in full sympathy with his viewpoint, it simply is impossible for us to take him into the Central Intelligence Agency. Were he a new applicant for an initial position with CIA, his rejection would have been almost automatic, and, consequently, I cannot see how we can take him from another agency without applying the same standards.

I regret very much that this decision must be made, and I trust that I may be able to be more helpful to you on other decisions in the future.

Very sincerely yours,

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Director of Central Intelligence

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